

SENATE NO. 2256

AN ACT AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF ALCHOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1980, as amended by chapter 135 of the acts of 1983, by
2 chapter 463 of the acts of 1991 and chapter 5 of the Acts of 2000, is hereby further amended as
3 follows: By striking chapter 135 of the acts of 1983 in total and by striking the first sentence of
4 Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1980 and inserting in place thereof the following:
5 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws to the
6 contrary, the licensing commission of the city of Somerville may grant not more than seventy-four
7 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises as provided in section
8 twelve of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, and provided, that said licensing commission is
9 hereby authorized and directed to assign ten licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk
10 on the premises to the area presently known and bounded as “Assembly Square Mixed Use District,”
11 as established under the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, for the purpose of promoting revitalization and
12 economic vitality. Said ten licenses shall be allocated from among the seventy-four licenses authorized

13 to be granted under the provisions of this paragraph and they shall not increase in any way the number
14 of such licenses now or hereafter available in said city. Licenses granted under the provisions of this
15 act shall be subject to the notice and hearing requirements of the General Court and all applicable
16 ordinances of the city. The licenses assigned to the “Assembly Square Mixed Use District” may not be
17 the subject of any sale or transfer by the licensee, upon the licensee failing to
18 renew or otherwise continue operating under the license, the license shall revert to the licensing
19 commission and may only be reissued to otherwise qualified applicants doing business within the
20 “Assembly Square Mixed Use District.” The administrative fee charged by the City for such licenses
21 shall be the same amount as the administrative fee charged by the City for existing licenses issued for
22 the respective category for such licenses.

23 SECTION 2. By striking the third sentence of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1980 and inserting in place
24 thereof the following sentence:

25 The number of licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages as provided in section twelve of said
26 chapter one hundred and thirty-eight shall not exceed twenty-five.

27 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

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